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STEVE BELL: With unemployment up and the economy down, most personnel managers are saying, "Sorry, no openings." But one employer long noted for secrecy is going public as part of a new campaign to attract a special kind of job applicant.

Susan King reports.

SUSAN KING: The Central Intelligence Agency, like the spy, has come out of the cold. The CIA has gone public, recruiting secretaries, specialists and spies on radio.

ANNOUNCER: Qualifications are high, but so are the rewards and the benefits. If you'd like to help shape a world to come, send your resume to the Central Intelligence Agency.

KING: For many, it's James Bond, agent 007, who has shaped the image of the agent: the handsome, dashing, well-equipped modern spy who finds intrigue, overcomes evil, and lives a life of action and romance. But even the recruiters won't promise that life.

MAN: Much of it is just plain hard work, is a lot of writing, is a lot of research, as opposed to running around in a sports car.

KING: Agents are promised steady work, \$20,000 a year to start, and early retirement at 50. It may be the economic hard times, it may be a signal of the reacceptance of the CIA, but radio has attracted thousands of applicants. Most will be turned away, but the CIA says it has jobs. How many is top secret.

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